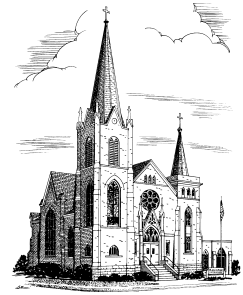


# *The St. John's Messenger*

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## The Lamb of God

“The Lamb of God” is the name John the Baptist used to describe our Savior. That name is rich with meaning, and the sacrifice of the “Lamb of God” on Good Friday is at the center of our Christian faith. Please read how Pastor Charles Degner, our District President, explained the meaning of that title in one of his sermons as he describes what the disciple Andrew may have thought as he heard John the Baptist call Jesus “the Lamb of God”.

What did John mean when he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God?” To us, a lamb is a cute picture. We imagine the lamb that the Good Shepherd is holding in his arms. This was not the lamb that John was referring to. John was talking about the lamb of sacrifice that people brought to the temple when they had sinned against God.

When Andrew heard John call Jesus the Lamb of God, he thought of that first time when he came with his parents to the temple. They brought a lamb that day. It wasn't so small that you could carry it. It was a year old. It was the best lamb in their flock. That year, the lamb they picked from the flock was Andrew's favorite. He even had a name for it. It would come when he called it.

He remembered the day they brought the lamb to the temple. On one side was the altar of sacrifice. On the other was the big brass basin holding hundreds of gallons of water to wash away the blood of the sacrifices. They took his lamb to the priest. The priest led him to the altar. He straddled the lamb and held it between his knees. He put his hand over his mouth so the lamb couldn't cry out. Then he took the sharp killing knife and cut the carotid artery in the lamb's throat. The lamb struggled only a little, but Andrew could remember the blood. Lots of it. It spilled on the stone pavement. Some was caught by the priest in a bowl and sprinkled on the altar. The best parts of his lamb were put on the altar and burned. With the odor of burning flesh in his nostrils, he watched as Levites came and washed away the blood. The boy, Andrew, felt a little sick inside. His father explained to him that the lamb had to die in their place, to take away their sin. Even as an adult, he never got used to seeing the sacrifice.

When John shouted, “Behold the Lamb of God!” what do you think crossed Andrew's mind when he pointed to Jesus and said that?

God's blessings are yours in the name of Jesus, “the Lamb of God”!  
Pastor Draper

### **St. John's Mission statement:**

*The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world  
with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

## **Presidents Report to St Johns Church Council & Congregation June 19, 2013**

Summer seems to have finally arrived! Time for enjoying the outdoors! If you love doing the outdoors all weekend long don't forget that we have a service Monday night at 8pm to accommodate busy schedules that have a hard time including worship on these summer weekends. God welcomes you on Monday night also and there are still bible study opportunities after services in the summer too!

Another summer activity is our summer bible camp right here at St Johns. This year it will have a Christmas theme. It starts Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> running through Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Children 4 to entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend! More information is in the narthex.

Our K & PreK teacher Lori Soloviyov has moved into her new home in New Ulm. She & her family will be joining us shortly. Her installation is planned for August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Just because school is out doesn't mean there isn't activity. I know the school staff is in progress of planning another great year of learning and activities for our students. It looks as though the enrollment will be up, another positive for the school program!

The fire sprinkler project continues to move along at the school. The floors have been waxed in the church basement and will also be done in the school as soon as the sprinkler project is complete.

We have grounds maintenance to do since the water main has been installed. There is some shaping to be done to the area that was dug up along with seeding for grass. We will need to reinstall the playground equipment and add wood chips. There is the general maintenance of the grounds through the summer too, mowing, trimming, edging and weed control that will need to be done. There is tree trimming and fence repair & paint that can be attended to also. Let's keep God's house looking wonderful. He deserves nothing less than the best we can deliver!

Our Voters meeting is Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will approve the fiscal year 7/13 to 6/14 budget & have elections for the open positions that are available. Asks have been made to members to fill these positions. Pray that they are able to give a hand to God's work!

The annual voters meeting will be scheduled in July where all the boards and committees give a recap of the previous year's activities. There has been much to be thankful in the past year, God has been gracious to St Johns, read or hear the reports and you'll know how generous He's been!

In Christ,

Steve Windschitl  
President, St John's Congregation

## Church Council Minutes May 14, 2013

Present: Mike Crabtree, Jerry Dittbenner, Shorty Haus, Barry Hillmann, Andy Lochner, Jim Mielke, Dan Rick, Dave Silfies, Steve Windschitl, Dave Zimmerman and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

### Minutes

Shorty Haus/Andy Lochner made a motion to approve the May 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

A verbal report was given.

### Treasurer's Report

Dave Zimmerman/Mike Crabtree made a motion to change the treasurer's report for May 2013 to \$76,000.00 for special projects to the maintenance budget. Andy Lochner/Mike Crabtree made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for May 2013. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Mike Crabtree made a motion to switch the funds to the River Region account for the payment of the sprinkler system. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Dave Zimmerman made a motion from the council to approve the budget for the voters. Motion carried.

### President's Report

Written report was presented.

### Board of Elders

No report.

### Principal & Board of Education

The sprinkler system is going well.

### Worship Committee

No report.

### Maintenance Committee

Mike Crabtree spoke on various maintenance work being done in the school/church.

### Outreach

No report.

### Stewardship

Several council positions are open; maintenance chair, finance secretary, 2-elders and a president.

### MVL/WELS

No report.

### Endowment and Trust Fund Committee

A verbal report was presented.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

July 14<sup>th</sup> the installation of officers will be held.

On August 11<sup>th</sup> the new Pre-K/K teacher Lori Soloviyoui will be installed.

The annual voter's meeting will be held July 29<sup>th</sup> after Monday evening worship.

The next Church Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Worship in the Park will be held Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Sportsman Park.

Dave Silfies/Shorty Haus made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Barry Hillmann Acting Secretary



### Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

Right about when you receive this newsletter, the LWMS National Convention will be occurring! LaCrosse, WI will be the site of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the LWMS June 27-30. This convention is being held right where the first one was held 50 years ago. Watch for more information about this event in the next newsletter.

I'd like to share a little information about our Befriend a Mission site in Peridot, AZ. Our Savior's Lutheran School is one of the missions we are assigned to support in 2013-14. The church there was started in 1893! Craig Breitzkreutz is the acting principal of the school. He tells us that their school is trying some new fellowship ideas. The last few years they had some school plays, and now they are adding some academic activities, movie nights, a book fair and possibly will do a bonfire night too. One area of the

school they would really like to improve is their playground. They only have a short metal slide and 4 swings. Athletic and academic equipment is also in short supply. They have a basketball court but it is unsafe and needs resurfacing. Library shelving is another need on their list. If you'd like to learn more or see some pictures, check out their website: [www.procrusaders.org](http://www.procrusaders.org)

The Breitreutz family consists of Craig, his wife Charissa, children Brett (6), Caitlynn (almost 4) **Emily (turning 2 on July 12<sup>th</sup>)** and Caleb, just born on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Some family "likes" include: Brett-Legos; Caitlyn – princess stuff & Dora the Explorer; Emily – anything her brothers & sisters play with; and baby Caleb – nothing listed at this time. Mrs. Breitreutz lists health & beauty aids like toothpaste, lotion, soap, shampoo, etc. Craig says he is not fussy! Oh, and **their anniversary is July 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Prayers, notes of support and encouragement, and even small token gifts do a lot to remind our mission workers that we appreciate them, support them and care about them even though they may be far from us. If you desire to show support for them in any way, you may reach them at these addresses:

Our Savior's Lutheran School  
PO Box 118  
Peridot, AZ 85542

Craig & Charissa Breitreutz & family  
PO Box 556  
Peridot, AZ 85542

Pray for missions!  
Paula Windschitl, LWMS Reporter



### Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for their regular scheduled meeting. President Marlys Lochner presided. Our meeting began with a devotion from the Book of Joshua 6:1-2, through the eyes of faith we can be sure God has fulfilled all his promises.

A bill of \$29.00 for the cake for Baccalaureate Sunday's reception was presented.

Four members of our congregation will be attending the LWMS National Convention in La Crosse, WI from June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

We received a thank you from MLC Auxiliary for hosting their meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Hosanna Circle was in charge of planning, making and serving the meal.

A big thank you goes to Judy Maasz for once again coordinating Meals-On-Wheels for the month of May. Will willing volunteers from our congregation we are able to do a service to the shut-ins of our community.

Block three is up to serve.

The Ladies Aid Society does not meet in the month of July. Come join us at our next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Marilyn Deibele  
Secretary



### Letter of Thanks

Dear Members of St. John's,

....CFSA thanks you for your gracious and loving donation of \$50, given to Marcia Derkowski following her presentation...I am overwhelmed by your continued show of support and grateful for your generosity...Our loving Savior has given a gift so precious we must share it with others... Your kind donation will be a great help to CFSA in accomplishing that...

In Jesus' Love,

Anne L. Press, Chairman and CEO  
Christians Forward-Southeast Asia



### Memorials

*In Memory of Thelma Vollmer*

Armin & Leona Lendt - \$10